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Frank L. Tetrick, III, Named Assistant Commissioner

Richmond – Commissioner James S. Reinhard, M.D. announced today that he has hired Frank L. Tetrick, III, as Assistant Commissioner for Community Services, a key leadership position that includes supervision of the mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse program offices at the Department. “Frank Tetrick strengthens the leadership of the Department to achieve our goal of further developing the system of community-based mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services. Over the past year, he has been an invaluable asset in steering the Department’s primary initiatives to restructure the services system and to reinvest facility resources into community programs. Frank took a lead role in helping create the current Partnership Agreement section of the Performance Contract with the Community Services Boards, a document that reinforces the value of a collaborative working relationship.” Mr. Tetrick will begin working at the Department on October 6.

Mr. Tetrick is the Executive Director of the Middle Peninsula - Northern Neck Community Services Board (MPNNCSB), in Saluda, where he has served since April, 2000. During his tenure as Executive Director, Mr. Tetrick directed a comprehensive program of community-based prevention, early intervention, mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to residents of the ten counties comprising the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck, a population of 137,000. In addition, since 2001 Tetrick served as the Health Planning Region V (HPR-V) Chair for nine community services boards that comprise the region. Tetrick also served as co-leader of the HPR-V Reinvestment Project that targets a phase-down of acute care at Eastern State Hospital, allowing for the transfer of facility operating funds for development of local and regional community-based services. In this role, Tetrick served as the principle spokesperson for the project in regional and state-wide meetings. He was elected to serve as Chair of the Executive Directors Forum for the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB) for 2004, representing all of the member CSBs in Virginia.

From 1979 to 1990, Mr. Tetrick served as Emergency Services Supervisor at the Western Tidewater Community Services Board in Suffolk. From 1990 to 2000 he served in administrative positions, leaving the agency as Quality Management and Service Systems Development Director for the Board. In his administrative roles, Tetrick provided agency-wide leadership in program development across disability areas, guided agency Licensing and Human Rights compliance efforts, directed utilization review and quality assurance activities, and promoted development of collaborative relationships with other service providers and consumer, family and advocacy groups.

Prior to working in the Virginia services system, Mr. Tetrick worked with community services boards and vocational rehabilitation programs in West Virginia.

Tetrick holds a Masters degree in Counseling and an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. He lives in Irvington, Virginia with his wife Mary Ellen. #####